

Salisbury School Council Meeting (Virtual)

Thursday, February 24, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Chair: Jacquie Surgenor

Vice Chair: Gabe Chemello

Principal: Sunny Sandhu

Assistant Principal: Krista Porter

Trustee: Don Irwin

Teacher: Diane Entrup

Student: Dana Grabinsky

Parents: Dulcie Jarvin, Teena Hunter, Andrea Moniz, Krystal Gibson, Brenda Oliveros

1. Welcome and Introductions: Jacquie Surgenor
2. Approval of Agenda: approved with no changes noted
3. Approval of Minutes from January 27, 2022
  - a. No changes noted, minutes approved
4. New Business:
  - a. Student Representative: Dana Grabinsky
    - i. Dana provided an update on all the activities that SAIL has been involved such as Valentines Day Crush sales for the Heart and Stroke Foundation (raised \$130.00), Twin Day, Random Acts of Kindness, the Sabre Pride Bulletin Board and Pink Shirt Day.
    - ii. Upcoming events in March include grade 11 week, which will happen before Spring Break, Pi Day, and Easter activities.
    - iii. Weekly Ka hoots are in the cafeteria for anyone who wants to join – these are made by a SAIL student every week and follow themes.
      - Sunny mentioned that Dana and the rest of the SAIL students embodies good leadership, and not just with words but also in their actions.
    - iv. Dana mentioned that last year SAIL couldn't do much with activities as we were online, and it was hard to plan events due to restrictions. They are having lots of fun this year with the new SAIL teachers, as they are both very excited.
      - Comment: grade 11 week is a good idea as those kids didn't get the full grade 10 week experience last year.
  - b. Teacher Representative: Diane Entrup
    - i. Diane introduced herself and thanked the group for letting her be a part of the meeting. Diane then had the group do Chair Yoga exercises with her. Feedback was really positive from participants
  - c. School Fees: Sunny Sandhu
    - i. Not here to make money. We try to support families if they can't afford a higher course fee. The Course Handbook is completed, done by Karen Schlegl. Here are the courses which have a proposed fee increase:
      - Construction 10 increase from \$94.50 to \$95.00
      - Environmental Students to \$32.50
      - Fabrication \$100.00 to \$105.00
      - Personal Foods 10 \$80.00 to \$84.00, Personal Foods 20 and 30 increase from \$85.00 to \$89.00
      - Robotics 20 fee will be \$60.00
      - Technical Theatre 10 \$50.00 to \$55.00
    - ii. Commercial Foods Cafeteria services does contribute to the school generated funds which helps. We have a very minimal increase to fees as we want our courses to be inclusive for all students.
  - d. How Do We Support Our Students: Jacquie Surgenor and Sunny Sandhu

- i. As we emerge from the pandemic of the past two years, how do we support our students to move forward? What supports do we need: How do we support parents? How do we continue to build community? Comments include
  - I think the students are doing this already and can teach us.
  - Sunny – As I put on my other hat as the Next Step Principal, some kids couldn't handle returning to being in class and are choosing to be enrolled with Next Step so they can work at home. Some of these kids are at risk, with situations they have at home, we need to look after each other.
  - In kindergarten, kids were anxious about not wearing their mask, and the mask is like a security blanket for them.
  - The vibe in stores, you do a double take when you see someone without a mask on. Good to hear that the students are doing better with accepting if students are wearing or not wearing a mask.
  - Sunny – As we look at the games playing at Sal today, the Sal vs Facey game has packed stands. So good to see the kids in the stands watching the game. It gives people confidence to have things going back to normal. Interesting to see what will happen I the next couple of months.
  - My son was in Volleyball, and I got the chance to watch him play in Red Deer, as we were allowed there. Was neat as a parent to see my child play.
  - Sunny – Great things students are doing, in band, musical theatre, athletics, etc. Exciting times coming up with Grad, and Krista will be leading the Grad Meeting next week. We have awesome staff here who are looking after our students.
  - How can School Council be involved in events at Sal?
  - Sunny – We will decide month/month about the how the Division will respond about restrictions. Such as School Council being in person. Maybe a hybrid model.
- e. Staff Recognition: Jacquie Surgenor
  - i. Been great so far with lots of referrals from parents. Staff are very appreciative when I send them the emails.
    - Sunny – I have talked to other principals, and they really like this idea too and want to know how to get this going at their school. Smore, again, is another one that started here and other schools are now doing.
    - This is not just for the fun, cool teachers, or subjects but math teachers, library staff, etc. have received referrals. This does make a difference.

## 5. Information Reports:

- a) ASCA Report: Jacquie Surgenor
  - a. No big updates. We are looking for someone to attend the virtual conference. Is there anyone here that would be interested?
    - Teena Hunter and Krystal Gibson both volunteered
- b) Principals Report: Sunny Sandhu
  - a. Returning Student Registration – month of February and is almost done. Solid enrollment again for next year. Our Success Team met the other day to talk about how registration will be happening. Stay tuned about how registration will work in Sabre Scene. Grade 10 and 11s is different than the Grade 9s. No Open House in person again this year, but we did have virtual open house. Once February is over, our feeder schools will be coming in to tour the schools. Krista does our scheduling, and she does an amazing job. Registration is interrelated – with courses being picked, scheduling and then that leads to staffing. The next 3 to 4 weeks will be heavy with registration. Sherwood Heights Administration will be coming in on Monday to see how we can make this work for them. They are our biggest school with about 200 students coming to Sal.
  - b. We have about 81.5% of registrations completed. Those families who have not completed, will get assistance from us to complete the process.

- c. For students picking their courses, about 97% of requests can be accepted. There are some conflicts with scheduling with the IB program course requests.
  - d. The season of play for the spring includes many sports such handball, rugby, band programs are happening and theatre productions.
    - Jacquie – I did want to talk a little bit about the collaboration with our feeder schools. We are working with Facey on this and represent the Sherwood Park High Schools. This will be great for the grade 9s but even better information for the grade 7 and 8 students and their parents. This will give parents the opportunity to get the information they need to make informed decisions.
- c) Trustee Report: Don Irwin
- a. Monday, February 28 is the deadline for Registration and boundary exemptions.
  - b. Budget released – looks good so far.
  - c. Is there some feedback about masks and how its going at Sal? Issues?
    - Sunny – starting last Monday, students do not need to wear a mask. About 30% were still wearing. Now more are not wearing – about 85% of students are not wearing masks. Some students are wearing them under their chin, and I think this is like a security blanket, so they can put it on if they feel the need. Absences have lowered due to covid. No issues with students wearing or not wearing. We must be very careful here, not to have our personal opinions come out in the classroom.
  - d. Student Conference is coming up on April 12.
  - e. Alberta School Council Conference registration closes April 15.
    - Jacquie – thank you to the board to always helping the councils be part of this.
6. Adjournment: 7:55 p.m.
- a. Next meeting March 17 at 6:30 p.m.
  - b. Thank you for attending and looking forward to seeing you next month.